

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claims 3 and 4. Accordingly, the preamble of claim 2 has been amended, claims 3 and 4 have been canceled, claims 5, 7, and 10-11 have been amended to be dependent on claim 1, and claim 12 has been canceled as duplicate.

Claims 1-2 and 5-11 are pending in the present application. Independent claim 1, and claims 2 and 7-11 dependent directly or indirectly thereon, are directed to a semi-transmissible reflector. Claim 5, and claim 6 dependent thereon, are directed to a liquid-crystal display device and are dependent on claim 1.

In the Office Action dated April 8, 2004, claims 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

As indicated in the Request for Continued Examination, entry of the amendments to claims 6-9 made in the response of September 8, 2004 is respectfully requested.

Next, in the Office Action dated April 8, 2004, claims 1-3 and 5-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over US 4,093,356 to Bigelow (Bigelow) in view of US 4,266,859 to Togashi (Togashi) [the Office Action states "Togashi 4586790 but it has been clarified with the Examiner following the interview that the patent referred to was Togashi 4,266,859], US 3,912,369 to Kashnow (Kashnow) and US 4,533,214 to Penz et al. (Penz).

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 3 and claim 4, which is not included in this rejection. The other claims are all dependent directly or indirectly on claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection is moot.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the art rejection should be withdrawn.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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